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BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1967

Prior to 1967, statistics of registrations of births, deaths and marriages excluded those which could be identified as full-blood Aborigines. Figures for 1967 cover all registrations and therefore include registrations relating to full-blood Aborigines.

The first part of this bulletin summarises 1967 particulars and is followed by more detailed tables showing figures and trends over the last five years for which information is available.

Registrations during 1967

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Births - Total	20,386	p 18.34
Ex-nuptial	1,375	6.74
Deaths - Total	9,071	p 8.16
Infant (children of less than 1 year)	346	16.97
Marriages	9,434	p 8.49

	<u>Number</u>
Adoptions	802
Legitimations	295
Still-births (not registered as either births or deaths)	211
p - preliminary	

Birth, total death, and marriage rates are calculated per 1,000 of mean population, the ex-nuptial birth rate per 100 of live births registered, and the infant death rate per 1,000 of live births registered.

BIRTHS

Birth registrations during 1967 totalled 20,386 which is 67 more than those registered in 1966. The number of births registered increased in each successive year from 1948 to 1961, but registrations have since generally decreased. The birth rate of 18.34 for 1967 is the lowest since 1941.

Before 1968 a birth could be registered within 42 days of the date of birth without incurring a penalty for "late" registration; this period has been increased to 60 days from 1 January 1968. Consequently the number of births registered in a year usually differs from the number which occurred during that year. In 1967 the number of births registered was 20,386 while the number of births which occurred during the year is estimated to be 20,300.

The ratio of male births to female births does not as a rule vary greatly from year to year. The figure of 104.19 in 1967 is lower than the ratio of 105.54 for the previous ten years and 2.53 lower than that for 1966.

TABLE 1 - BIRTHS: NUMBER, RATE, AND MASCULINITY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1963 to 1967

Year	Births Occurring (a)	Births Registered				
		Total	Male	Female	Rate (b)	Masculinity
1963	21,182	21,367	11,006	10,361	21.20	106.23
1964	20,798	20,866	10,849	10,017	20.16	108.31
1965	20,745	20,891	10,778	10,113	19.63	106.58
1966	20,240	20,319	10,537	9,782	18.62	107.72
1967	p 20,300	20,386	10,402	9,984	p 18.34	104.19

(a) Subject to the addition of a few very late registrations.

(b) Per 1,000 mean population.

p - Preliminary, partly estimated.



DEATHS

The 9,071 deaths registered in 1967 has been exceeded only by the record number of 9,323 in 1966. However, the death rate of 8.16 is the third lowest recorded, being higher only than those for 1961 (8.06) and 1964 (8.14).

Infant deaths registered during 1967 totalled 346. The resultant infant mortality rate was 16.97 or 0.55 less than the previous record low in 1966.

TABLE 2 - DEATHS: NUMBER AND RATE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1963 to 1967

Year	Total Deaths Registered		Infant Deaths Registered					
			Under 1 Year		1 Month to 1 Year		Under 1 Month	
	No.	Rate (a)	No.	Rate (b)	No.	Rate (b)	No.	Rate (b)
1963	8,201	8.14	399	18.67	123	5.75	276	12.92
1964	8,906	8.61	397	19.03	120	5.75	277	13.28
1965	8,788	8.26	385	18.43	122	5.84	263	12.59
1966	9,323	8.54	356	17.52	123	6.05	233	11.47
1967	9,071	p8.16	346	16.97	104	5.10	242	11.87

- (a) Per 1,000 mean population.  
 (b) Per 1,000 live births registered.  
 p - Preliminary, partly estimated.

The numbers of persons dying from certain causes are shown in the following table in which the figures for the years 1962 to 1966 are compared.

TABLE 3 - DEATHS (ALL PERSONS) : PRINCIPAL CAUSES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1962 to 1966

Cause	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
	Number				
Tuberculosis (all forms)	29	38	11	30	25
Malignant neoplasms	1,345	1,284	1,367	1,383	1,445
Diabetes	132	104	135	152	165
Cerebral haemorrhage, thrombosis, etc.	1,127	1,135	1,197	1,243	1,303
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	66	72	69	55	60
Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease	2,589	2,604	2,920	2,858	3,117
Hypertension with heart disease	132	127	104	114	107
Other heart disease	229	211	261	284	242
Influenza	10	3	12	6	12
Pneumonia	269	294	313	304	357
Bronchitis	126	138	175	163	166
Nephritis and nephrosis	78	75	60	55	67
Pregnancy, childbirth, etc.	13	6	7	7	4
Congenital malformations	98	111	109	121	102
Other diseases of early infancy	233	219	225	221	197
Senility	69	60	59	58	62
Accidents	464	478	528	492	579
Suicides	129	152	166	136	136
All other	1,094	1,090	1,188	1,106	1,177
Total	8,232	8,201	8,906	8,788	9,323



Particulars of causes of death of all persons in 1967 are not yet available but details of the principal causes of infant deaths have been tabulated and these are shown in Table 4 together with comparable figures for each of the previous four years.

TABLE 4 - INFANT DEATHS: PRINCIPAL CAUSES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1963 to 1967

Cause	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
	Number				
Diarrhoea	15	9	12	10	8
Congenital malformations	91	79	82	84	80
Prematurity	72	82	67	57	50
Injury at birth	41	38	35	41	33
Post-natal asphyxia and atelectasis	36	58	38	20	26
Other diseases peculiar to early infancy	63	41	73	74	79
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	1	2	-	2	-
Meningitis	-	3	4	2	7
Whooping cough	1	1	-	1	-
Pneumonia	42	37	39	28	24
Hernia and intestinal obstruction	6	6	4	1	1
External causes	9	14	14	10	12
All other causes	22	27	17	26	26
Total	399	397	385	356	346

#### MARRIAGES

A record number of 9,434 marriages were registered in 1967. The previous highest number was 9,051 in 1966. The marriage rate fell generally from 10.55 in 1947 to 6.99 in 1960, but has risen in each of the succeeding years.

The average age at time of marriage of persons not previously married has followed a downward trend since 1955 when the average ages at marriage of bachelors and spinsters were 26.65 and 23.56 years respectively.

TABLE 5 - MARRIAGES: NUMBER, RATE, AND MEAN AGE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1963 to 1967

Year	Number Registered	Rate (a)	Mean Age at Marriage	
			Bachelors	Spinsters
1963	7,302	7.24	25.49	22.12
1964	7,765	7.50	25.16	22.01
1965	8,680	8.16	24.87	21.83
1966	9,051	8.29	24.67	21.82
1967	9,434	p8.49	24.62	21.75

(a) Per 1,000 mean population.

p - Preliminary, partly estimated.

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